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In re application of : Confirmation No. 9095
Hidehisa ASADA et al. : Docket No. 2000_0259A
Serial No. 09/508,435 : Group Art Unit 1644
Filed March 13, 2000 : Examiner P. Nolan

IMMUNOASSAY FOR BNP

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated January 29, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-8 and 11-16.

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

The extension fee of \$920.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

The Appeal Fee of \$320.00 (other than Small Entity)
 \$160.00 (Small Entity)

is enclosed
 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
 is enclosed.
 has been previously submitted.

0 The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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